

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs – Constitution of State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) and District Level Monitoring Committees (DMCs) – Amendment to G.O.Rt.No.573, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., dt.06.08.2020 – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 216

Dated: 24-04-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.573, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 06.08.2020
2. From the Director (Agriculture Marketing), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI, KrishiBhavan, New Delhi, File No.28011/3/2021-M-II(144111), Dt: 03.02.2025
3. From the Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Lr. No.AGC02-27025/10/2021, Dt: 14.02.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders were issued for the constitution of State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) and District Level Monitoring Committees (DMCs) for the effective implementation of the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

2. In the references 2nd read above, the Government of India has issued revised and modified operational guidelines for the above scheme, including agenda points for SLCC and DMC meetings.

3. In the references 3rd read above the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has submitted a proposal for amendment of the constitution of SLCC and DMCs in line with the revised guidelines of GOI.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby issue the following amendments to G.O.Rt.No.573, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 06.08.2020:

S. No	Existing guidelines	As per G.O.Rt.No.573	Modified guidelines
1	District Level	- o District level officers of line dept. (Agri /Horti / AH / Fisheries /Marketing / Cooperation) – Members - o DDM (NABARD) – Member Secretary	- o District level Officers of dept. (Horticulture/AH / Fisheries /Marketing / Cooperation) – Members - o DDM (NABARD) – Member - o District Agriculture officer– Member Secretary
2	State Level	Representative of NABARD - Member Secretary	Commissioner or Director of Agriculture - member Secretary

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B. Additional Modifications in Operational Guidelines:

- 1) FPO Management Cost: if an FPO is unable to utilize the Rs.18 lakh assistance within 3 years due to reasons such as COVID-19 restrictions, it may utilize the funds within 5 years, subject to the overall ceiling of Rs.18 lakh.
- 2) Eligibility for Credit Guarantee: On par with FPOs, PACs may also avail benefit under WLGSP may also avail credit guarantee up to 20% of the available cover. Selection criteria of PACs shall be decided by the credit guarantee fund trust for FPOs managed by NAB Sanrakshan Trustee Pvt. Ltd.
- 3) NPMA Guidelines: While formulating the criteria for selection of NPMA, appropriate qualifications and experience of requisite experts, relevant experience of organization entity in guiding both companies and co-operative organizations as reasonably required for discharge of role envisaged for NPMA under the scheme including the minimum net worth for suitability, may be taken into account.
- 4) Services & Activities to be undertaken: The scheme shall now include activities undertaken by PACs under WLGSP in addition to FPOs.
- 5) Mandatory Participation in Meetings:
 - o IAs and CBBOs without district/state presence must ensure participation in DMC/SLCC meetings.
 - o CEO and one Director from each FPO must attend DMC meetings.

C. State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC):

SLSC meeting should be held at least once a quarter to support regularity and for effective supervision.

The following **agenda points to be mandatorily discussed in the SLCC meetings:**

- i. An overview of the FPOs – about membership, input business, outputs business activities and turnover.
- ii. Status of credit linkages established for FPOs with different formal lending institutions, addressing any operational issues and challenges related to any loan application submitted or to be submitted by any FPO.
- iii. In each of the SLCC meeting, status of the licenses along with the dealerships & business done by the FPOs should be tabled.
- iv. Orientation & training to all the officials of the Agriculture, Agriculture Marketing & Horticulture departments at State level on FPOs as socio economic institution of the farmers and for the departments to treat FPOs on par with PACS.
- v. Give priority to the suitable FPOs as a procurement agency under MSP and PM-AASHA operations. In this regard, revised guidelines of PM-AASHA have been circulated on 29th October 2024.
- vi. FPOs to be given fertilizer supply by the State Government on Free on Lorry (FoL) basis.
- vii. As required, enable FPOs to avail government lands for free / subsidized rates/ long term lease for setting up of required infrastructure for marketing and value addition of their produce. For reviving or for better utilization,

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- give unused warehouses / collection centre/ processing units owned and managed by Government department to FPOs for free / subsidized rates / long term lease, subject to conditions to that encourage maximization of business activities of the FPOs.
- viii. Agriculture /Horticulture/Ag. Marketing department of the States to partner with FPOs in implement their developmental schemes for better outreach and efficacy.
 - ix. Consider eligible FPOs for rural retail outlets for sale of 'Bharat Dal' through NAFED, NCCF, etc. or any such agency in state.

General instructions for SLCC:

- a. The representative of IA and CBBOs may be invited to the SLCC meetings to have the well-grounded discussion on implementation related challenges and solutions.
- b. Minutes of the SLCC meeting should mandatorily be circulated to all the district level officers of the line departments to make them aware of the decisions taken and to ensure that line departments comply with the decisions mentioned in the minutes, along with copy to the Government of India.
- c. There are various developmental schemes of the Central and State Governments which could be beneficial to the FPOs. There should be taken up for focused convergence with all the FPOs regularly.

D. District Level Monitoring Committee (DMC):

DMC meetings should be held at least once a quarter to support regularity and for effective supervision.

The following **agenda points to be mandatorily discussed: in the** District Level Monitoring Committee (DMC) **meetings:**

- i. An overview of the FPOs – about membership, input business, outputs business activities and turnover.
- ii. Assessment of status of credit linkages established for FPOs with different formal lending institutions, addressing any operational issues and challenges related to any loan application submitted or to be submitted by any FPO within the DMC vicinity.
- iii. Fast- track application process of Seed, Fertilizer, Pesticide, APMC Mandi, GST, PAN and Trade license, etc, as required. In each of the D-MC meetings a table of the status of the licenses and dealership is shared with all the members present in these meetings.
- iv. Orientation & training to all the officials of the Agriculture, Agriculture Marketing & Horticulture departments at District & field level on FPOs as socio- economic institution of the farmers and for the departments to treat FPOs on par with PACS.
- v. Give priority to the suitable FPOs to act as procurement agency under MSP and PSS operations.
- vi. As required, help FPOs avail access to common / government lands for free or subsidized rates or on long term lease for setting up of required infrastructure for marketing and value addition of their produce. For reviving or for better utilization, give unused warehouses /collection centre /

processing units owned and managed by Government department to the suitable FPOs for free / subsidized rates / long term lease.

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General instructions for D- MCs: -

- a. The CEO and one Director from each FPO from the concerned district may be invited to the D –MC meeting to have the well – grounded discussion on implementation related issues
 - b. Minutes of the DMC meeting should mandatorily be circulated to all the district level officers of the concerned line department to make them aware of the decisions made and to ensure that line departments comply with the decisions mentioned in the minutes.
 - c. Awareness campaign on various government schemes that can benefit the FPOs.
 - d. Through LDM is a member of the DMC. However, to ensure institutional credit access to the FPOs, in every meeting, branch-head of a bank may also be invited to the meeting. Different banks can be called to these meeting in tandem. Bankers should also inform about various scheme / products and handhold the FPOs to address the financial challenges and risks related to their business.
 - e. In case where IA does not have any presence at the district level, any one CBBO working in the district may be appointed as a representative of the IA and attend the D-MC meetings.
5. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly and ensure effective implementation of the revised guidelines under the CSS – Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs scheme.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies,
A.P., Guntur

The Director of Horticulture A.P., Guntur

The Director of Sericulture A.P., Guntur

The MD, AP State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd., Vijayawada.

The VC & MD, AP State Seeds Development Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada.

The VC& MD, AP State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd.

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The VC& MD, AP State Cooperative Oil Seeds Growers Federation,
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The Director, AP State Seed Certification Authority, Guntur.

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